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SUBJECT: ICCS: AMBASSADOR BUNKER' S FAREWELL CALL ON

AMBASSADOR WASILEWSKI

1. AMBASSADOR BUNKER PAID A FAREWELL CALL MAY 5 ON AMBASSADOR WASILEWSKI, THIS MONTH' S ICCS CHAIRMAN, WHO HAD ONLY RECENTLY RETURNED TO SAIGON FROM CONSULTATIONS ABROAD. WASILEWSKI SEEMED PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL FOR THE CALL SAYING THAT IT WOULD HELP HIM IN HIS WORK. HE CHARACTERIZED HIS VISIT IN HANOI ENROUTE BACK TO SAIGON AS ONLY A SHORT STOP- OVER BUT DID REPORT MEETING THERE WITH DRV VICE FOREIGN MINISTER.

2. IN HIS OPENING REMARKS, AMBASSADOR BUNKER RAISED A NUMBER OF CURRENT ISSUES INCLUDING THE FAILURE OF THE PRG ELEMENT OF TPJMC TO DEPLOY TO ALL SITES AND U. S. INTEREST IN HAVING ICCS MONITOR IN- COMING SHIPMENTS OF REPLACEMENT WAR MATERIEL AS PROVIDED UNDER ARTICLE 7 OF THE AGREEMENT. AMBASSADOR BUNKER ALSO ASKED WASILEWSKI FOR HIS IMPRESSIONS OF DRV ATTITUDES.

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3. WASILEWSKI RESPONDED THAT POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER OLSOWSKI HAD REITERATED TO HIM IN WARSAW THAT POLAND IS DETERMINED TO CARRY OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENT BUT LASTING PEACE, IN WASILEWSKI'S OPINION, COULD ONLY COME THROUGH RECONCILIATION OF THE TWO SIDES. FROM HIS OBSERVATIONS IN HANOI, WASILEWSKI STATED THAT A MOST SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO PEACE REMAINED "A LACK OF CONFIDENCE". DRV SPOKESMAN DID ASSURE WASILEWSKI THAT THE PRG HAD NO INTENTION OF LAUNCHING AN OFFENSIVE BUT WOULD ONLY CONSOLIDATE AREAS ALREADY UNDER ITS CONTROL. WHEN AMBASSADOR BUNKER QUESTIONED THIS STATEMENT IN LIGHT OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AROUND HONG NGU AND TON LE CHAM, WASILEWSKI MADE A WEAK REBUTTAL AND TURNED TO OTHER MATTERS. HE SAID THAT GVN REFUSAL TO OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE PRG ALSO HINDERED RECONCILIATION AND PEACE BUT HE DID NOT DISAGREE WITH AMBASSADOR BUNKER'S REJOINDER THAT THIS WAS NO GREAT PROBLEM AS ILLUSTRATED BY ON-GOING PRG/GVN TALKS IN PARIS.

4. IN CONCLUSION, AMBASSADOR BUNKER ASKED WASILEWSKI IF HE HAD ANY INFORMATION REGARDING GENERAL TRA'S RETURN TO SAIGON, NOTING THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF TRA, THE PRG DELEGATION TOOK LITTLE ACTION. WASILEWSKI SAID HE HAD RAISED THIS QUESTION IN HANOI AND HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT TRA WOULD RETURN FOLLOWING HIS VISIT IN HANOI AND TALKS WITH PRG LEADERS IN "LIBERATED AREAS". WASILEWSKI COULD NOT REPEAT NOT PROVIDE A SPECIFIC DATE.
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